

## A B S T R A C T

The method is designed to be implemented in an installation provided with means enabling a preform held  
5 between two points by supporting end-pieces to be rotated and to be moved in translation. Heater means for heating the preform by means of a plasma torch are associated with material supply means, so as to enable the preform to be manufactured in layers. Preform/torch relative  
10 displacements, with or without material being supplied, lead either to a new layer of material being deposited on the preform, or to the most recent layer deposited being glazed. Said method interposes a one-ended reduction in layer length, starting from one of the intermediate  
15 layers, while a succession of concentric layers are being deposited on the preform in a manner such that the lengths of the layers are progressively reduced so that the preform tapers towards its ends. The one-ended reduction leads to a limitation of the thickness of a  
20 determined segment at the level of the layer deposited immediately prior to the reduction.